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Next Meeting: Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m.

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Happy Holidays!

President's Message

The holiday season is fully upon us now, a time to share our warmth, togetherness and to celebrate the joys that make life special for you. It is such a joy to see everyone in their own creative journey throughout the guild -- experiencing the passion and love for quilting, fabric and helping others grow in the journey.

We have a wonderful holiday party planned after our guild meeting hosted by Cathy Stillman and Grace Hardy. A buffet luncheon of lasagna, raffle of a vintage quilt, a quilting bingo with prizes along the way... just to mention a few activities planned. So I hope you can attend and share your holiday with good cheer and warmth of your heart for everyone to enjoy!

Wishing everyone and their families a wonderful holiday season!

~In community, Barbara Mattson, PQ president

PQ Calendar

Dec. 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Dec. 17	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Holiday Party
Jan. 7	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Jan. 21	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Polly Matsuoka, "Turning Color and Cloth into Wonder: My Art Quilting Journey"



Outreach Scorecard

	Oct	Nov
Bundles of Joy	22 + 4 crocheted blankets; 49 crocheted hats	36 + 84 hats
LifeMoves	12	0
Foster Kids	0	10
Laguna Honda Home	7	7

Let's keep these generous and much-appreciated donations coming! Baby quilts should be minimum 30" and maximum of 45" on a side. LifeMoves or Foster Kids quilts should be approximately 65" x 80".

-- Barb Hall, Outreach Coordinator

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

Dec. 17, 2025: Holiday Party

Jan. 21, 2026: Polly Matsuoka, "Turning Color and Cloth into Wonder: My Art Quilting Journey"

Feb. 18, 2026: Gale Green, "I'm Just a Regula Quilta!" (Honor Our Own)

March 18, 2026: Michelle Trimble, "Adventures in Improv"

Michelle Trimble is a quilter, pattern designer and educator based in San Francisco with 20 years of teaching experience, including teaching at regional and national conventions. She enjoys experimenting with new techniques, dramatic layouts with bold saturated colors, and adding texture to her quilts with free motion quilting. Her work has been featured in magazines and hung at local and international quilt shows including Houston International Quilt Festival and QuiltCon. In Adventures in Improv, Michelle shares her personal journey of discovering the joy and freedom of piecing without a pattern. She'll walk you through her creative process, from the first hesitant stitches to the bold quilts incorporating swaths of negative space that followed. This lecture is all about exploration, choosing which rules to embrace, and finding fun in the unexpected twists of improv quilting. Website: <https://quiltingchemistry.com/>

April 16, 2026: Spring Challenge; New Members event

May 21, 2026: Cassandra Beaver, "Aurifilosophy" -- "From the thread makers of Aurifil... a program designed to unlock the mystery of thread, educate the masses, and help all users achieve brilliant results! Cassandra, a certified Aurifilosopher, will present a fun and informative presentation and trunk show of her award-winning quilts. She will then take you behind the scenes to see how she created the Endangered Species Block of the Month designs to accompany the Aurifil 2021 Color Builder Collections. Attendees will come away with an increased knowledge of thread, tools, uses, tips, and some exclusive Aurifil swag!"

June 18, 2026: Affiliates

July 17, 2026: Karen Bolan, "Collaboration Is Fun" -- View over 25 stunning collaborative quilts while learning tips for successfully designing, managing, and participating in collaborative quilting projects. Get ready for a discussion of different kinds of collaborative quilt projects, dealing with difficult situations, and how collaborative quilting relates to life beyond quilting. Santa Rosa quilter Karen Bolan has been featured in QuiltCon Magazine, Make Modern and Quilts Japan, and her quilts have been exhibited at local and international shows including Pacific International Quilt Festival, QuiltCon and the deYoung Museum. You can learn more about Karen's work by visiting her website at www.KarenBolan.com or Instagram at www.instagram.com/karen.bolan.



~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

Upcoming Workshops:

<http://www.peninsulaquilters.org/forms>

**Polly Matsuoka: "Birds With Character:
A Choose Your Own Adventure in Collage Quilting"**
Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026

Location: Silicon Valley Community Foundation conference room,
1300 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cost: Members \$65; Non-members \$90

Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"
Thursday, March 19, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Website: <https://quiltingchemistry.com/>

Cost: Members \$70; Non-members \$95

Cassandra Beaver: "Raising the Roof"
Thursday, May 22, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: \$80

Her workshop is a geometric, paper-pieced quilt. Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) is one of the best ways to ensure perfect points, create complex piecing designs and execute detailed pictorial designs. This pattern is written to have minimal fabric waste and is a good choice for beginning and intermediate quilters. During class we will also discuss using value and color to create a dimensional effect. A PDF version of the pattern is included with the workshop.



Wanda Lewis Dragon: "Goodie Bowls"
Thursday, June 18, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: \$50

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting Nov. 4, 2025

Attendees: Barbara Mattson, Carol Blitzter, Terry Caselton, Jean Dail, Barbara Hall, Sandy Kelly, Nancy Krosse, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

President (Barbara Mattson) reviewed a correction to the October minutes requested by Holly Colgan. Holly's committee was incorrectly titled Activities and Education but should be Activities and Events. The minutes incorrectly stated that she asked for information for the new roster, but it was for the committee binder. A motion to approve the October minutes with these corrections was made by Cynthia Yin and seconded by Sandy Kelly. This was passed by those in attendance. Barbara informed us that she was contacted by a woman who offered vintage tablecloths that would make beautiful quilts and some Quilter's Newsletter magazines from the 1980s-90s. The Holiday Party team may be able to use them.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) reported low expenses as usual for October so revenue slightly outpaced costs. Nancy Krosse mentioned that she forwarded non-profit paperwork she received, and Jean confirmed that she got it. Jean is working on the audit and will ask for formation of an audit committee at this month's general meeting. She hopes to be able to submit the audit in December.

Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton) sent a sympathy card to Cindy Williamson. As the contact for PQ with the Northern California Quilt Council (NCQC), Terry asked Jean Dail to renew our membership.

Fund Raising (Nancy Krosse) discussed the pricing for a potential fundraiser at the Holiday party for a vintage quilt donated by Grace Hardy. Nancy also received a turquoise Singer machine from the mid 1950s. She will see if it is worth raffling.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) reported that we have 141 members and no new members last month. She was contacted by Laura McHugh about the San Mateo County Fair (SMCF). Cynthia will be the PQ liaison with Laura. She also gave us an update on the Giants Quilt that will be the 2025-26 Opportunity Quilt. It will be shown at some PQ meetings, the San Mateo Garden Center's Open House and at the SMCF. There was a discussion of the raffle ticket price.

In Person Event/Zoom Support (Sandy Kelly) and Cynthia Yin will be managing the audio/visual set up for this month's general meeting remote speaker. This is a hybrid system, which will allow us to have speakers from anywhere.

Outreach (Barb Hall) reminded us that the Charity Sewing in Burlingame will be held next Friday. Cynthia Yin will bring some kits and Sandy will have some placemat binding to be done. People can also work on their own charity items. Barb asked whether we wanted to consider planning a bus trip, perhaps to the Folsom Quilt Show. There was a discussion about how that could be handled. Terry Caselton offered to take on the research. After questioned, Barb confirmed that a Free Sew will be held after this month's general meeting.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes November 19, 2025

Barbara Mattson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Barbara Mattson welcomed new member, Sarah Bekhit. There was a motion to approve the October minutes, which was seconded and passed by those present. Barbara informed us of a presentation of quilt art by May Gaspay and her son, Mik, being held at the Art Kiosk in Redwood City.

Treasurer: Jean Dail reported healthy bank balances and revenues coming in from workshops and new members.

Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Kelly, for Terry Caselton, said a condolence card was sent to Cindy Williamson who lost her partner.

Speakers: Sandy Kelly told us Heather Kojan would speak via Zoom on "Quilt Remix: UFOs, Orphan Blocks and What Was I Thinking??!! Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects."

Outreach: Barb Hall mentioned that we would have a Sew Day after the meeting. She also displayed some donated fabric, which was available to anyone. She asked us to hold off on giving her any more tops until she called for them again as all the long armers are busy quilting. She asked that submitted tops be approximately 60" x 80". (Upon subsequent review, size should be approximately 65" x 80".)

Workshops: Jess Millikan talked about the January and February workshops. In January, Polly Matsuoka will teach "Birds With Character: A Choose Your Own Adventure in Collage Quilting." She has five different designs of birds with personality available. In February, we will Honor Our Own with Gale Green, whose presentation is "I'm Just a Regula Quilta!" For future workshops, please see the PQ website.

Holiday Party: Cathy Stillman requested holiday quilts to hang at the party. She needs five more volunteers to make centerpieces. There will be prizes. She welcomes donations. Grace Hardy has donated a beautiful antique quilt, which will be raffled off. Tickets are 2 for \$5 or 10 for \$10.

Membership: Cynthia Yin said there were 57 members present and 3 guests.

Show & Tell: Photos were taken for submittal to the newsletter. Harriet Hirsch (Blue Wave Cool, Octagon Kaleidoscope), Karen Anderson (Sun Improv), Susan Williams (Color Weave), Sue McCollum (Holiday Pillow), Jennifer Graves (2 - Baby Boy Quilts – Stars), Emily Leavitt (2 Baby Quilts), Cynthia Yin (Tote Bags and Rainbow and Houses Quilt), Jess Millikan (Houses, Green Scrappy Slabs, Ombre, Kaleidoscope), Sarah Bekhit (Coat), Annette Caves (Christmas Stocking, Ornament), Sandy Kelly (Tote Bag), Jeanette Bellaci (Baby Hats – Crochet)

Special Announcement: Cynthia Yin attended a San Mateo Garden Center Dinner. They spoke about their coming show. We will sell raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt and other items.

Also, Annette Caves' husband will have a Dickens Christmas Village Display at Walnut and San Carlos Avenue starting the day after Thanksgiving at 5 p.m. and will be available for viewing all day every day until January 1.

Door Prize: Sally McDonald

Raffle Basket Winners: 1. Geri Travins, 2. Pernille Gutschick, 3. Lorraine Twomey, 4. Allyson Banducci, 5. Karen Anderson, 6. Sandy Tsushima

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.

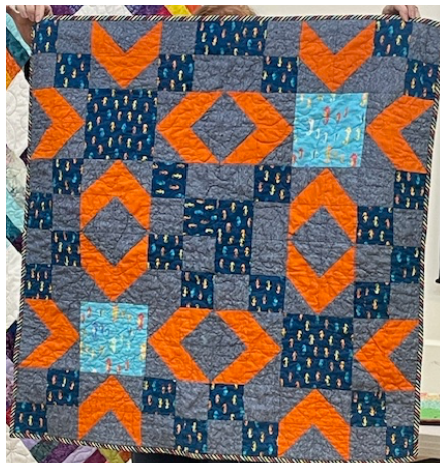
Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day and Board Meeting Secretary



Left: Harriet Hirsch – Kaleidoscope Quilt from Pernille's class (left); Blue Wave Cool (below)



Left: Susan Williams – Color Weave; Right: Jennifer Graves – 2 star baby quilts



Emily Leavitt – two baby quilts

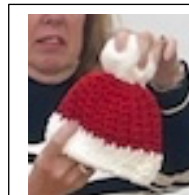
*Below: Karen Anderson – Sun Improv;
Right: Sarah Bekhit – Quilted Coat*



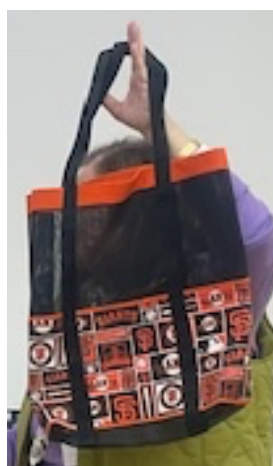
Variations on the House Pillow – Sue McCollum (left); Jess Millikan (middle); Cynthia Yin (right)



Left, below: Annette Caves – Christmas stocking and ornament; Right: Jeanette Bellaci – crocheted baby hats



*Left, below: Sandy Kelly -
- Tote bag and Zipper bag*



Cynthia Yin – Tote bags

Jess Millikan – Ombre quilt (below);
Scrappy green quilt (right)



Jess Millikan – Kaleidoscope (below);
Slabs (right)





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Saturday, Dec. 13, noon to 2 p.m.: Trunk Show – Sonya Lee Barrington, San Francisco quilt artist, who will show (and sell) her work in silk, wool and cotton, including pillows, banners and small mounted quilts.

Through Jan. 11: Quilt National 2025. Nancy Bavor will give a walkthrough of the current exhibition on **Saturday, Dec. 13**, from 2 to 3 p.m. She will talk about the history of Quilt National, the jurying process and works in the exhibition. Tickets are \$20.

Through Jan. 11: Diversity in Basketry



‘Ancestral Home’ on display

The large art quilt titled "Ancestral Home" by PQ member, May Gaspay, and her son, Mik, is on display at Art Kiosk, 2208 Broadway, Redwood City, through Jan. 4, 2026.

May, who has been collaborating with her son Mik for the past 5 years, has exhibited her quilted works at the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery, San Jose Museum of Quilt and Textiles and at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco.

Mik was awarded a commission by the Chinese Culture Center in San Francisco for a permanent public art installation in San Francisco Chinatown’s Portsmouth Square Bridge.

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